

Application No.10/715,243
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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-20 are pending in this case. Of these claims, claims 16-20 have been withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 14 and 15 have been allowed.

Claims 1 and 6-13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Underwood (U.S. Pat. 5,816,535) in view of Kenzie (U.S. Pat. 4,513,931) and Tillman (U.S. Patent 6,578,885). Claims 2-5 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but the Examiner has stated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By this amendment, claims 2-5 have been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, claims 2-5 are now allowable.

It is requested that this amendment be entered, and that claims 2-5 be allowed, in addition to already allowed claims 14 and 15, in order to place the application in better form for appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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